



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 4 (A)
May 19, 2004

TO: Honorable Javier D. Souto
and Members of the Recreation and
Cultural Affairs Committee

DATE: May 12, 2004

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes is submitted by the Clerk of the Board for approval by the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee:

➤ April 28, 2004

Attachment
KMS/as



Stephen P. Clark
Government Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10), Chairperson; Sally A. Heyman (4), Vice Chairperson;
Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Betty T. Ferguson (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and
Katy Sorenson (8)

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Betty T. Ferguson, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Bruno A. Barreiro, Sally A. Heyman.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

1A ROLL CALL

Report: *In addition to those members of the Committee in attendance at today's meeting, the following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak; Assistant County Attorney Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney Mariela Martinez-Cid and Assistant County Attorney Stephanie Miller; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Alicia Stephenson*

1B PRESENTATION(S)

1B1

040852 Special Presentation

PRESENTATION RE: WILLIAM MATHESON AWARD
PRESENTED TO: SERGIO PINO, FOR OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL, FOUNDATION,
OR BUSINESS ENTITY TO THE PARK, RECREATION
AND CONSERVATION OPEN SPACES FIELD THROUGH
SPONSORSHIP, PHILANTHROPY OR DEVELOPMENT
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Park & Recreation Department)

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak introduced Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) Director.*

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez provided a brief report on the celebration of the 75th Anniversary for the Miami-Dade PARC kick-off on March 13, 2004 at Matheson Hammock Park. She acknowledged Senator Javier Souto whom she presented with the Charles H. Crandon Award.

1B2

040853 Special Presentation

PRESENTATION RE: CHARLES H. CRANDON AWARD
PRESENTED TO: SENATOR JAVIER SOUTO FOR
OUTSTANDING EFFORT BY AN ELECTED OFFICIAL
TO INCREASE PARK, RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY (Park & Recreation Department)

Presented

1B3

040980 Special Presentation

PRESENTATION RE: MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
UPDATE: DEBBIE SPEIGELMAN (County Manager)

Presented

Report: *Ms. Debbie Spiegelman, Executive Director of the Miami Children's Museum, provided a brief status report and a video presentation on the Miami Children's Museum.*

Ms. Spiegelman provided statistics on membership, employees, contracts for security; and on maintenance, visitors, field trips, programs and events. She requested that the Board of County Commissioners include the Miami Children's Museum as a cultural project within the upcoming General Obligation Bond (GOB) program for funding in the amount of \$10 million. She noted the funding would be used as matching funds to complete and expand the interior/exterior buildings and to upgrade the auditorium. Ms. Spiegelman's video presentation provided an overview of the programs and activities at the museum.

Commissioner Ferguson requested that Ms. Debbie Spiegelman, Executive Director of the Miami Children's Museum, submit brochures and other promotional material to her office for distribution to her constituency.

In response to Commissioner Moss, Ms. Spiegelman explained that revenue from the gate admissions were down due to increases in membership. Bottom line projections were being met overall and gate admission had decreased due to an increase in membership.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive this report.

1C PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1C1

040564 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-29.3 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES; CREATING PROVISION FOR EVICTION FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Library Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 1C1 Amended-Legislative File # 041262*

1C1 amd

041262 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-29.3 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES; CREATING PROVISION FOR EVICTION FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 040564] (Library Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Mariela Martinez-Cid read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

In response to Chairperson Souto's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed ordinance, Mr. Richard Ellis appeared before the Committee and voiced his concern in support of this ordinance.

Ms. Phylis Alpert, Assistant Director of the Miami-Dade Public Library System, agreed to Commissioner Sorenson's request for an amendment to letter G on handwritten page 6 of this proposed ordinance.

The foregoing proposed ordinance was adopted as amended to remove the words "minors or" from letter G) on handwritten page 6 as moved by Commissioner Sorenson and seconded by Commissioner Moss. This motion upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioners Barreiro and Heyman were absent).

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

040733 Resolution**Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE PROVISION OF IN-KIND SERVICES TO ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,906.00

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

2B

040563 Resolution**Betty T. Ferguson**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROVISION OF IN-KIND SERVICES TO NO JIVE PRODUCTIONS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,168.00

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

2C

040993 Resolution**Betty T. Ferguson**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE PROVISION OF IN-KIND SERVICES TO THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$791.00

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

2D

041047 Resolution**Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING PROVISION OF IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 10, 2004 EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$686

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

2E

041053 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING
PROVISION OF IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE PARK
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO THE CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION FOR THE MAY 1, 2004 CHURCH
"BASH" CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,056

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

040874 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THIRTY-SIX (36) GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2003-2004 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – THIRD QUARTER WITH AMERICAN FRATERNITY, INC. A/F/A FOR MOVIMIENTO MUNDIAL DARIANO, INC.; CENTRO CULTURAL DE PUERTO RICO EN EL SUR DE LA FLORIDA; CHRIST CRUSADERS, INC.; COCONUT GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; COMMUNITY CRUSADE AGAINST DRUGS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; CUBAN THEATER FOLKLORE HERITAGE, INC.; CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC.; DECO ECHO ARTISTS' DELEGATION, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS CENTER FOR FOLK AND COMMUNITY ART; DIASPORA VIBE CULTURAL ARTS INCUBATOR, INC.; DIASPORA WORLD CINEMA, INC.; DIEN-B, INC. A/F/A FOR ARTE DEL BARRIO; DIEN-B, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS DAMIEN B. CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER; DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH AND REFLECTION, INC.; EARTHMAN PROJECT, INC., THE; EXCELLENT CHILD COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INC.; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF MUSIC; FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA, INC.; GALATA HAITIAN CULTURE ENRICHMENT & SELF EMPOWERMENT, INC.; GOD'S TOTAL WORD MINISTRIES, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE A/F/A FOR GIRALDILLA CHILDREN'S CULTURAL CLUB; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A FOR BALLET THEATRE OF MIAMI; INSTITUTO DE CULTURA PERUANA, INC.; INTER-NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE LIVING ARTS, INC.; JUGGERKNOT THEATRE CORPORATION; KENDALL CHURCH OF GOD, INC.; LATIN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM; MIAMI LATIN FILM FESTIVAL; MICHAEL ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER; NANAY, INC.; NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION BY THE MENTALLY ILL, INC.; NEW WORLD FESTIVAL, INC.; PATRONS OF EXCEPTIONAL ARTISTS, INC.; PROYECTO ARTE ACTUAL D/B/A THE MOORE SPACE; SOSYETE KOUKOUY, INC. FISCAL AGENT FOR HAITIAN AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION, INC.; TIGERTAIL PRODUCTIONS, INC. A/F/A NATIONAL PERFORMANCE NETWORK; WORLD MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Mariela Martinez-Cid read the foregoing proposed resolution into the*

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record.

*There being no discussion, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed
resolution.*

3B

040877 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) GRANTS FROM THE FY2003-2004 THIRD QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: BALLET ETUDES COMPANY OF SOUTH FLORIDA; CITY THEATRE, INC.; CLIO AWARDS; COCONUT GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, INC.; COUNCIL OF LATIN AMERICAN FASHION DESIGNERS, INC.; EK EVENTS; FLORIDA DANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.; GALATA HAITIAN CULTURE ENRICHMENT & SELF EMPOWERMENT, INC.; GREATER MIAMI BILLFISH TOURNAMENT; INFINITO ART & CULTURAL FOUNDATION, INC.; JUBILATE, INC.; MIAMI GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI LATIN FILM FESTIVAL (FESTIVAL DE CINE HISPANO, INC.); MIAMI NORTHWEST EXPRESS TRACK AND FIELD CLUB, INC.; MIAMI/BAHAMAS GOOMBAY FESTIVAL IN COCONUT GROVE, INC; NEW VISION FOR SOUTH DADE, INC.; NEW WORLD SYMPHONY, INC.; NORTH DADE REGIONAL CHAMBER F/A JOHN I. SMITH FOUNDATION, THE; PATRONS OF EXCEPTIONAL ARTISTS, INC.; SPORTSMEN'S ADVENTURES, INC.; SUNRISE COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS, INC.; UNCONSERVATORY, INC., THE; UNITED HAITIAN AMERICAN ARTISTS, INC.; USTC TANGO FANTASY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOLLOWING COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL OF FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Heyman, Barreiro

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Mariela Martinez-Cid read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Ferguson, Mr. Michael Spring, Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, stated that Art in Public Places was a separate entity from the Cultural Affairs Council.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

3C

040876 Resolution

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION IN THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES, TO FUND THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WIRELESS NETWORKING AND WIRELESS LAPTOP PROGRAM AT ALL MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARIES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND ALL FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED (Library Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

3D

041025 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPROVE A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTREC EQUITIES, INC. AND E. L. STATION, CORPORATION FOR THE MARINE REPAIR OPERATION AT THE HAULOVER MARINE CENTER LOCATED AT HAULOVER PARK AND MARINA (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 3D Amended-Legislative File # 041249*

3D amd

041249 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPROVE A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTREC EQUITIES, INC. AND E. L. STATION, CORPORATION FOR THE MARINE REPAIR OPERATION AT THE HAULOVER MARINE CENTER LOCATED AT HAULOVER PARK AND MARINA [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 041025] (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Moss

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Heyman, Barreiro

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Mariela Martinez-Cid read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

The foregoing proposed resolution was adopted as amended to correct a scrivener's error in the County Manager's memorandum, changing the term from one to two years, as moved by Commissioner Moss and seconded by Commissioner Sorenson. This motion upon being put to a vote passed by a vote 4-0. (Commissioners Barreiro and Heyman were absent).

3E

041026 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, EXPEND AND AMEND UP TO \$1,134,243 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT FOR THE RENOVATION OF HAULOVER MARINA AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Ferguson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Heyman, Barreiro

3F

041028 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WELLS IN NORWOOD PARK AND ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FOR LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH WITHIN SCOTT PARK; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER AND MAYOR TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Heyman, Barreiro

3G

041089 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE UNEXPENDED COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS FROM FY 96-97 THROUGH FY 02-03 IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED \$17,861 IN PROGRAMMING FUNDING AND \$6,187 IN PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

3H

040983 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO OBTAIN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF CONCESSION FACILITIES & RETAIL SALES AT METROZOO, TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RE-ADVERTISEMENT PROVISIONS AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN RFP NO. 384 (Procurement Management Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

4 CLERK OF THE BOARD

4A

040995 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
MARCH
10, 2004 (Clerk of the Board)

*Report Received**Mover: Moss**Seconders: Sorenson**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Heyman***5 REPORT(S)**

5A

040987 Report

REPORT RE: SERVICE DELIVERY PRIORITIES AND
BUSINESS PLAN OUTLOOK FOR FISCAL 2004-2005
BUDGET (County Manager)

*Deferred to no date certain**Mover: Sorenson**Seconders: Souto**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Heyman*

5B

040964 Report

REPORT RE: REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT FOR IN-
KIND SERVICES REQUEST FOR APRIL 2004
COMMITTEES AND FOR BCC CONSIDERATION IN
MAY 2004 [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2C] (County
Manager)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 5B Substitute-Legislative File
#041196*

5B SUB

041196 Report

REPORT RE: REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT FOR IN-
KIND SERVICES REQUESTS FOR APRIL 2004
COMMITTEES AND FOR BCC CONSIDERATION IN
MAY 2004 (County Manager)

*Report Received**Mover: Sorenson**Seconders: Moss**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Heyman*

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5C

040854 Report

Sen. Javier D. Souto

REPORT RE: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PROGRESS
REPORT

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Ferguson

Seconded: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

Report: *The Committee deferred this proposed report for consideration at its next meeting scheduled for May 19 2004 at 2:00 p.m.*

5D

040861 Report

REPORT RE: LIBRARY CAPITAL EXPANSION STATUS
REPORT (Library Department)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak presented the foregoing proposed report.*

Mr. William Urbizu, Assistant Director of Marketing, Media Relations and Support Services, for the Miami-Dade Public Library System provided a brief report on the Library Capital Plan Expansion Status. He stated that groundbreaking ceremonies would be held as follows:

- ☐ *Golden Glades Branch-August, 2004*
- ☐ *Naranja Branch-January, 2005*
- ☐ *Kendall Lakes Branch-January, 2005*
- ☐ *Palm Springs North -in September or early October*
- ☐ *Verrick Park Fall of 2005*
- ☐ *Expanded Miami beach regional library early fall opening*

Mr. Urbizu provided construction times as follows:

- ☐ *Golden Glades Branch-9 to 12 months*
- ☐ *Palm Springs North-in August, 2004*

Mr. Urbizu stated that the construction permit for the Concorde Branch Library was approved the week before this RCA Committee meeting of April 28, 2004 and the library would be complete in July, 2004. He stated that Mr. Robert Ginsburg, County Attorney, was finalizing the Interlocal agreement for approval by the Village of Pinecrest to construct a library building on the former Parrot Jungle site. Once the Village of Pinecrest approved suggested changes, library staff would appear before this RCA Committee for approval, he stated. Verrick Park's Interlocal agreement was approved by the BCC earlier this month, he added.

The library and GSA were in negotiation for libraries in Palmetto Bay and California Club and would be before the Board for review and approval once negotiations were complete. Negotiations were underway to move the Fairlong Branch to West Miami and to move the South

Shore Branch into a facility at 141 Alton Road. The City of Sunny Isles Beach City Hall would soon house a branch library by the early part of next year and begin operation in the Spring of 2005. Mr. Urbizu stated that next year four new branches would be opening and two new branches would move into larger buildings.

Chairperson Souto requested that County departments strive to avoid delays on construction permits, particularly on libraries and parks.

Chairperson Souto invited all Commissioners to visit libraries and parks with him. He commented that libraries needed exterior beautification and was sending a message to the County Manager regarding this.

Mr. Urbizu stated that penalties for delays by contractors were in their leases,

Further discussion ensued regarding the proposal that meetings be held every three to four weeks with permitting departments under the leadership of Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive this report.

5E

041072 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: REPORT ON INCIDENT AT WEST
DADE REGIONAL LIBRARY (Library Department)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Second: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman, Barreiro

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak presented the foregoing report.*

Mr. Leo Gomez, Miami-Dade Library Support Services Administrator, provided an overview of the report.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive this report.

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041027 Report

REPORT RE: DOLPHIN CENTER MULTIPURPOSE
SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (Park & Recreation Department)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak presented the foregoing report.*

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez provided a brief report on the Dolphin Center Multipurpose Special Tax District.

In response to Commissioner Ferguson, Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Department Director, stated that the budget was determined by the Level of Services (LOS) and that the County determined the LOS and assessed the stadium owners. She stated that the County managed the collection of assessment and maintenance of the special taxing district.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive this report.

5G

041087 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: REPORT ON INCIDENT AT MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR (Park & Recreation
Department)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman, Barreiro

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak presented the foregoing report.*

Chairperson Souto asked that Commissioners be kept updated and well-informed of the status of this case.

Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Department Director, provided a brief overview of this report.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive this report.

5H

041088 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: STATUS REPORT ON SANTA'S
ENCHANTED FOREST (Park & Recreation Department)

*Report Received**Mover: Sorenson**Seconder: Moss**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Heyman*

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak presented the foregoing report.*

Chairperson Souto requested that members of the County Commission, particularly the members of the RCA Committee be kept abreast of the status of the case involving the arrest of Vice President and Board member of Santa's Enchanted Forest, Brian Schechtman. Chairperson Souto also requested that all documents relating to this case that were produced by the Inspector General and the Attorney General Charlie Crist be submitted to him.

Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) Director, concurred with Commissioner Souto that the case was under investigation. She stated that 5 people were arrested in March, 2004. This was not in connection with "Santa's," she stated. She confirmed that Mr. Brian Schechtman was arrested. She stated that when PARC heard of the arrest it contacted Mr. Stephen Schechtman, Santa's Enchanted Forest President. Although this case was still an allegation, she stated, Stephen Schechtman offered to confirm that this was not in connection with "Santa's" and to have Mr. Brian Schechtman resign from the Board.

There being no other discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive this report.

5I

041157 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
PARKS NOMINATING COMMITTEE (County Manager)

*Report Received**Mover: Sorenson**Seconder: Moss**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Heyman*

5J

041161 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT OF
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SECURITY
UNIT OVERTIME PRACTICES (Park & Recreation
Department)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak presented the foregoing report.*

Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Director, stated that PARD agreed with 7 of the 12 findings of an audit report issued by Mr. Christopher R. Mazzella, CIG, Inspector General (IG), on April 8, 2004. She stated that PARD was working on a status report due on July 15, 2004.

Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, PARD Director, and Mr. Christopher R. Mazzella, Esq., C.I.G., Inspector General, provided an overview of this report. She stated that when fully staffed, the Parks Security Unit consisted of one (1) chief, one (1) captain, three (3) lieutenants, and twelve (12) patrol officers who patrolled 155 facilities; and the department had submitted a budget request to hire additional officers, Ms. Rodriguez noted. Regarding the comments in the IG's report regarding the status of the chief, she noted that interviews were held on April 19, 2004.

Another issue raised in the IG's report, was the fact that approximately 60 percent of the overtime hours was used by supervisors. The department was currently reviewing approvals for unit overtime and would provide additional information to the IG, Ms. Rodriguez explained. If a request for reclassification was approved, the supervisory positions would be upgraded from hourly to job-basis, eliminating supervisors from being eligible for overtime. Regarding Finding #2, Ms. Rodriguez stated that PARD agreed that much overtime was for special events coverage. Ms. Rodriguez provided information on Findings #4 and #5 regarding approval patterns and procedures and Finding #6 regarding approvals for overtime to lieutenants for vacation or other approved leave.

Mr. Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General, appeared before the Committee and explained that the audit by the Office of the Inspector General

was conducted after receiving several telephone calls regarding abuse of overtime by the PARD Parks Security Unit among supervisors without sufficient documentation appeared to be troubling trend. A reclassification in the status of these positions to Job Basis as previously suggested by Ms. Rodriguez would be a viable solution, Mr. Mazzella noted. Regarding the acting status of the chief, Mr. Mazzella pointed out that it was bad policy to allow employees to remain in acting status beyond six (6) months. An individual serving in an acting status would be entitled to receive overtime. Mr. Mazzella maintained that the lack of documentation for overtime used by the former chief gave credence to the case that overtime should be carefully monitored to avoid abuse. In conclusion, he noted the audit concluded that this was a hard working unit and that he looked forward to resolving these issues with them.

Referring to finding #2 in the Table of Contents of this report, Commissioner Sorenson pointed out that overtime for special events may be due in part to policies established by the Board of County Commissioners and that the Board needed to establish provisions for overtime.

Chairperson Souto thanked Inspector General Mazzella for his efforts regarding issues in connection with this report, commented that these issues needed to be resolved and that residents of Miami-Dade County depended on Commissioners to manage these issues.

6 ADJOURNMENT